Were the appointments of Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan and Mr. Karunakara Menon, the Professor of Zoology, made with the knowledge of the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The answer given was 'So far as the Government could ascertain.' We have not received the reports from all the Heads of Departments. So it was worded, 'so far as it could be ascertained.'

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why should answers be given without getting the necessary information ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Because there is a complaint in the Council that a sufficient number of questions are not answered. If you do not want such answers, we would not supply.

Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar.—We only ask questions for perfect answers.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—If the information is received early, it will be given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—For question No. 465 of the Kumbham Session of 1101 the answer given is ' Vide list appended, Appendix VI.' Is that list also published without the knowledge of the Government ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Not without the knowledge of the Government. It is with the knowledge of the Government.

Mr. T. A.Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there not persons, whose appointments have been made without the knowledge of the Government included in the list ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—You mean the list containing the names of non-Cochinites in the State service during the last ten years ? I think it will come up to 1100 or so only.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it not till Kumbham 1101 ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Ten years up to 1100 it was taken—it seems.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Therefore, not until the date on which the list was published.

Appointment of a Muslim Member in the Text-Book Committee.

108. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what they have done in response to the demand made in and outside the Legislative Council for the appointment of a Muslim Member in the Text Book Committee ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 247 of the Legislative Session of 1102.

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